

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 263 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2606.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 6 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) was pending.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendments shall be in order except the following amendments, which may be offered only by the Member designated, be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes, except for the Burton amendment, which shall be debatable for 50 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and a Member opposed thereto:

No. 1, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) regarding a reduction in aid to India;

No. 2, an amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) transferring \$4 million from IMET to ERMA and ESF;

No. 3, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) prohibiting funds for family planning and abortion;

No. 4, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) prohibiting funds for Eximbank, OPIC, and TDA;

No. 5, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) requiring a report on actions in Kosovo;

No. 6, an amendment by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) expressing the sense of Congress regarding flower imports from Colombia;

No. 7, an amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) prohibiting military funds for Eritrea and Ethiopia;

No. 8, an amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) expressing the sense of Congress regarding peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia;

No. 9, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) regarding OPIC;

No. 10, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDI) regarding Man in the Biosphere.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that debate be limited on the pending amendment to 10 minutes, as all the rest of them.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Is the gentleman from Alabama requesting that all amendments to the pending amendment be included?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. SANDERS. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, I was not quite clear, was the gentleman talking about a total of 10 minutes, 10 minutes on each side? What was the gentleman talking about for the Andrews amendment, how much time?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SANDERS. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. 10 minutes.

Mr. SANDERS. A total?

Mr. CALLAHAN. 10 additional.

Mr. SANDERS. Five and 5?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Yes.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, I object.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield, would the gentleman withdraw his objection?

Mr. SANDERS. I withdraw my objection.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. OBEY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, let me ask the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee, we have been told that what has happened is there have been four or five speakers in a row on this, on one side. So we are getting objections, both from that side of the issue, as evidenced by the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and we have objections on the other side of the issue.

Could I ask, would Members on both sides be satisfied if it were 20 minutes apiece?

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Ms. PELOSI. No, 10 minutes each.

Mr. OBEY. Ten is fine with me, but I am told that we have objections if it is 10 minutes.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, continuing under the reservation of objection, if the gentlewoman will yield, if I could ask the chairman how many speakers does he have left?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I do not know. We did not anticipate this amendment

would be introduced. We were informed by one of our colleagues, the gentleman from Texas, that he had an agreement with the sponsor of an amendment where it would not be introduced.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, would it be agreeable to all sides if we went 10 minutes on each side, finished it tonight, took the votes, went home and took the rest on Monday?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I want to amend my unanimous-consent request.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, under my reservation, unfortunately, I happen to be the ranking member on the authorizing committee on this issue. None of the people who support OPIC have had an opportunity to speak. So depending upon how those 10 minutes are divided, otherwise, I would have to object.

If the 10 minutes are to be divided on behalf of those who have not had any opportunity to speak in favor of OPIC and against the amendment, we may be able to do that, but if the 10 minutes are to be divided between all the parties, I would have to object.

Mr. CALLAHAN. If the gentleman will yield further, Mr. Chairman, I would agree with the gentleman, that the proponents of the amendment have already spoken 20 minutes without any opposition having the opportunity to speak, and it is unfair to those of us who disagree with the gentleman's amendment not to have the same amount of time.

But I do not think the gentleman would agree to give me 30 minutes and take 10 himself. But I also make that request, if the gentleman thinks he would agree.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully object to that.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to limit debate to 30 minutes to each side of the issue.

Ms. PELOSI. If the gentleman will yield, is that tonight, on Monday?

Mr. SANDERS. Thirty minutes each side tonight?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Fifteen minutes on each side tonight.

The CHAIRMAN. The request of the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) is that each side have 15 additional minutes on the pending amendment and all amendments thereto.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. TRAFICANT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, would it be out of order to ask unanimous consent, of course we cannot, there is one pending, but for us to go ahead and suspend this, have the 30 minutes debate, have the four votes first, and then conclude with the Andrews amendment?

Mr. CALLAHAN. First, the unanimous consent has to be agreed to by the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama, 15 minutes on each side?

Mr. MENENDEZ. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, let me understand the unanimous consent request

again. It is to have 15 minutes on each side of the aisle?

Ms. PELOSI. Each side of the issue.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Each side of the issue?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, and I will object, I ask unanimous consent that we suspend with the Andrews amendment, that we proceed with the votes, and then they have their 30 minutes to conclude the Andrews amendment, and that vote will be taken Monday.

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It will give everybody an adequate amount of time. We will have the votes. Members want to leave here. Everybody who wants to speak will have an opportunity to speak, and that will be a pending vote coming Monday. All those other members that are pending can be handled Monday.

The CHAIRMAN. The pending request is the unanimous consent request offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN), limiting time on the pending Andrews amendment and amendments thereto to 15 minutes for each side.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I object.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is heard.

Mr. TRAFICANT. I ask unanimous consent, Mr. Chairman, that the pending amendment by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) be suspended and that the Committee proceed with the votes that have been scheduled.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TRAFICANT. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, why does the gentleman from Ohio not first establish the amount of time of debate, and we will rise.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair asks all Members to suspend.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) would have to, by unanimous consent, withdraw his amendment and get permission in the full House, where a special order has already been entered on permissible amendments, to reoffer his amendment for such a procedure to be permitted in the Committee of the Whole.

The pending amendment is the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, in the interest of time, and under the way the 5-minute rule works, that is, people come and it is not divided on each side of the issue, which is the way the 5-minute rule works, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) and I have worked very hard to try to bring something that was honed down, with minimal controversy, to the floor.

Clearly, the House must work its will, and it is doing so, largely with au-

thorizing issues, I might add, I mean debates that have been carried over from the authorizing committee; and that is completely appropriate.

But recognizing all that we have been through today, I ask unanimous consent that each side of the amendment have 10 minutes, and then we take the vote and proceed with the other votes this evening.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Chairman, I have to object.

The CHAIRMAN. Objection is heard.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the pending Andrews amendment be given an additional 30 minutes to be equally divided and that the debate take place after the House has completed its votes on the pending amendments; and any recorded vote, if called by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), would be then, thus, held Monday as the first order of business.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair would inform the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) that the Committee of the Whole does not have the authority that the gentleman is requesting.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, if we are still in the Committee of the Whole, I rise to speak in opposition to the Andrews amendment.

Mr. Chairman, the effect of the Andrews amendment, which we really did not anticipate would be introduced, especially at this late hour of the night, comes at a surprise because we were of the understanding that he was not going to introduce it.

So with the misinformation that I had regarding that what someone thought was a commitment, I speak against the Andrews amendment because, effectively, what he does, he shuts down the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The Andrews amendment would devastate the ability of our American companies from doing business in any foreign country. It would give such tremendous advantage to our foreign competitors, because every one of the G-7 Nations have, in effect, in their country an organization similar to this.

The sponsor of the amendment indicated that OPIC costs us money. In reality, Mr. Chairman, let me tell my colleagues that OPIC makes money. They intend to return nearly \$200 million to the Treasury to help us continue to decrease our level of deficit spending. We should compliment organizations such as that.

It would hurt U.S. jobs, because when we have the inability to transfer our technology, to transfer our American interest to foreign countries, those jobs are going to go to other countries. So we are going to lose an estimated 70,000 U.S. jobs alone in the next 4 years.

It would hurt our export. It would hurt small businesses who contribute to the multifaceted involvement of our American firms doing business in foreign countries.

It hurts our competitiveness. It hurts everything that we stand for with respect to our ability to recognize that we are in a global economy, that if we are going to expand, if we are going to have exports, our American companies must have the same advantages, a level playing field, as does Japan, as does France, as does Germany, as does the Great Britain, and all of the countries that we are competing with for our businesses overseas.

For an example, if General Electric or Westinghouse, if we built a power plant that is not financed by, but guaranteed by OPIC, they do not put some type of Japanese generator there. They put an American generator there. As a result, jobs are created here in the United States of America.

This is not something that is new. It has come up in the past. I am sure it will come up in the future. But the sponsor of the bill, in my opinion, is making a very serious mistake in his amendment, which effectively shuts OPIC down entirely.

It tells the bank, OPIC bank, that they can continue to collect the monies that they are collecting now, but they cannot have any new deposits, they cannot have any new business at all coming in in the future.

So it is a very, very definite move, I think, in the wrong direction.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. THORNBERRY, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2606) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

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LIMITING DEBATE ON ANDREWS AMENDMENT DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF H.R. 2606, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when we return for debate on this bill, that the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Andrews) have a time limitation of 30 minutes, divided equally, 15 minutes for proponents and 15 minutes for opponents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). IS THERE OBJECTION TO THE REQUEST OF THE GENTLEMAN FROM ALABAMA?

Mr. ANDREWS. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object, one of the things I wanted to make clear is that the chairman, I am sure in good faith, made a representation earlier there had been an agreement by me not to offer this amendment. That is not accurate. I did not make any representation to anyone to that effect, and I wanted to clear that up for the record.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

Mr. MENENDEZ. Reserving the right to object, can the distinguished chairman advise me when this debate is going to commence on Monday?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MENENDEZ. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I am informed that we will begin debate on this issue at 4 o'clock on Monday.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would inquire if the unanimous consent request assumes that the amendment will be reoffered at a subsequent time when the Committee resumes its sitting on a subsequent day?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I felt, Mr. Speaker, that the pending amendment would be the order of business at that time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. At a subsequent time, not this evening; is that correct?

Mr. CALLAHAN. At a subsequent time, yes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and just in protecting the rights of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), when we are talking about a subsequent time, so that he knows, will this debate on his amendment begin, the proceedings, at 4 o'clock on Monday; is that the correct understanding?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The purpose of my unanimous consent is to come back into session at 4 o'clock on Monday next, at which time, when the Committee of the Whole is reestablished, we would then be on the Andrews amendment. At that point there would be 30 minutes divided, 15 minutes on each side, when the Committee of the Whole was regrouped.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, may I ask the chairman how the time would be allocated; who would control the time?

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ANDREWS. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. The Chair would have to answer that, but my understanding is that the sponsor of the amendment would have 15 minutes and someone else designated by the Chair would have 15 minutes to oppose the gentleman's amendment. I would assume that would be me.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is withdrawn without prejudice to it being reoffered whenever

the Committee resumes its setting under a 30-minute time limit for debate, equally divided.

Without objection, the unanimous consent request is granted.

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 263 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2606.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, pending was amendment No. 6 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS), which has now been withdrawn by order of the House.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 263, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

The amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL), amendment No. 1 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), and Part B amendment No. 3 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS).

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 13, noes 414, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 351]

AYES—13

Boucher
Campbell
Conyers
Hostettler
McKinney

Paul
Payne
Rohrabacher
Sanford
Sensenbrenner

Taylor (MS)
Thompson (MS)
Watt (NC)

NOES—414

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Billbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio

DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter

Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalfe
Mica
Millender-Donald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore